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Town Topics.

WHAT OUR PEOPLE ARE DOING. ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED UP ABOUT TOWN.

"A City That is Set on a Hill Cannot Be Hid."

The past week has been a hard one on water pipes.

John Allen of Newry was in town last week.

Henry Stearns of Lewiston, has been visiting in town.

Miss Hattie Foster is able to be out again, after suffering from the grip for several weeks.

Miss Jennie Merrill has recovered from the grip, and is again at her work in the chair factory.

Mr. J. U. Purington is much improving the interior of his store, by needed repairs and a fresh coat of paint.

A. W. Meserve was in Augusta Wednesday and passed his examination before the State Board of Pharmacy.

The Literary Society will hold its meeting Thursday afternoon at 2:30, at the residence of Mrs. W. D. Hastings.

Life insurance is a good thing, but health insurance, by keeping the blood pure with Hood's Sarsaparilla, is still better.

Owing to the severe storm which prevailed Monday, Mr. Stetson did not come to Bethel to deliver the lecture as advertised last week.

The members of the Epworth League will hold a business meeting this (Wednesday) evening at 7:30, at the home of Miss Addie M. Gordon.

Among the novelties of last week was a horse race upon the ice, between William Kendall's, Prince K., and W. E. Abbott's C. S. P., resulting in victory for Prince K.

Little Gard Twaddle is showing no lack of interest in the school contest. It will take something worse than the weather of the past few days to keep him from collecting coupons for Gould's Academy.

Judge Foster has been retained by the wholesale merchants of Portland, and the Commercial Travellers' Association, to go to Augusta, Thursday, in favor of the "2 cent Mileage Book Transferable." The hearing comes off at that time, and the railroads are putting up a strong fight against the bill.

The White Mountain Music Festival choruses are booming under Mr. Wight's instruction. He has now 400 singers in six towns. Mr Chapman has visited three of the places and reports good progress for so short a time, and is much pleased with the outlook for the great Festival.

Last week it was stated in our columns, that word had been received of the death of Arland Jordan in the Klondike region. The following letter will doubtless be of interest to his friends.

Boston, Feb. 3, 1899.

Mr. Ira C. Jordan,
Bethel, Me.

Dear Sir:—

Your favor of the 31st. ult., received in this morning's mail, and I take pleasure in replying immediately.

So far as I know, there is no truth in the report which you mention, and in all probability were there truth, I should have known it by telegraph before anyone else.

The last letter that I received from Arland was before transportation closed in, and at that time he was in camp on the Kleutina river, Alaska, which is about one hundred and fifty miles north of the mouth of the Copper River at Valdes Bay. In that letter he expressed himself as being highly pleased with his surroundings and prospects, had a well-built camp, two or three good companions, plenty of food and everything that he needed, including his 40-85 rifle, with which he intended to get some game during the winter. He was in robust health, never weighing so much before.

Very truly yours,
Robt. C. McQuillen.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses of 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address,
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AT THE COLUMBIAN CLUB.

One of the Immortals.

BY MRS. GEHRING.

CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.

After the recognition of Pieta had crowned Michael Angelo with early success, he was again called to Rome by Pope Julius II, to paint the world-renowned frescoes in the Sistine Chapel. These frescoes on the ceiling and the "Last Judgment" upon the walls of this building would have immortalized the master had he done nothing else to win his laurels. All through the centuries they have been the wonder and the despair of the artistic world.

Of the two hundred figures created by his thought and brush, I cannot attempt to give you any description, but shall have to admit that before these paintings I had to own my inability to comprehend their artistic excellence. They are smoked, faded, and cracked; the height of the ceiling renders them indistinct; one is obliged to study them with a mirror, and the chapel is poorly lighted. The representation of the Deity always strikes a jarring note in the Protestant mind; even Michael Angelo's God was but a powerful, venerable man, and I turned away feeling the hopelessness of any portrayal of the Infinite. His prophets were awe-inspiring and never to be forgotten, and the sybils had a subtle expression that haunted the imagination. Possibly the knowledge of the unworthy struggle between the master and his ecclesiastical patron during the painting of these frescoes, which came to a crisis when the Pope invaded the scaffolding, had left an impression upon my mind which insensibly put me out of sympathy with the spirit of the place.

In the "Last Judgment" the Christ was Michael Angelo's own conception of justice and punishment. His heart had been stirred to its depths by injustice and unmerited hatred. Justice and revenge were not unmixed qualities in his strong, passionate nature, therefore his Christ could see with unmoved sternness the downward rush of human souls plunging into the unspeakable depths of hopeless woe, from which he makes Mary turn with womanly compassion. Like David, Michael Angelo had known what it meant to have implacable enemies; but, unlike the Christ we love, he had not learned to say, "Father forgive them.' Standing before that picture and recalling the throngs that have passed before it in all these years, carrying away an ineffaceable impression of that terrible conception, I wondered what would have been the effect upon the unnumbered souls who have been thus influenced, had the master chosen to portray the scene which the words, "Come, ye blessed of my Father," would have brought into glorious being.

Between these two great Roman paintings there was an interval of thirty years,—years of effort, of discipline, and of heartache. Angelo resumed his life as a sculptor in Florence, and then came the demands of his city for his services as military engineer. The carefully guarded walls leading to San Miniato tell the story of his capacity for thoroughness and attention to details. This great mind could do nothing trivial, however uncongenial the task might be; but he fled to his studio as often as possible, and with his own hands did the work upon his statues commonly given over to artisans.

These were years of bitter rivalries, with artists whose talents were greater than their characters. The David was hewn from difficulties as inflexible and stupendous as the great misshapen block from which the statue was finally to emerge. From the hour in which the coveted marble was given into his eager hands, till it was placed in the Palazzo Vecchia in a tumult that was almost a revolution, there was a struggle and conflict, first with the half-ruined marble which had been partially shaped into another statue, then with his enemies and rivals.

Into this young face, Angelo carved the lines of indomitable will and inspiring courage. His own personal struggles against matter and mankind, seem retold in the face and bearing of this unaided youth about to meet a mighty foe. In placing the David in Florence, Michael Angelo bade a scornful defiance to his enemies, and flung a mighty challenge before his rivals.

The pitiful struggle of a great mind hampered by the fickleness of an inferior, is told in his disappointment over the great mausoleum which Julius II had commissioned Angelo to erect during the Pope's life-time. After a weary exile in desolate marble-quarries, struggling with the greatest difficulties, the immense blocks were at last conveyed to Rome. The artist began upon his work, but the cruel vacillation of the superstitious ecclesiastic caused the order to be revoked, and the mighty plan dissolved in the brain of the master, to the immense loss of posterity. In place of this mausoleum, the Moses which has so amazed the world, was subsequently placed over the body of his fickle patron, in San Pietro in Vinculis. This figure is of colossal size, and bears such an impress of power as to be actually crushing in its effect upon the beholder. Surely this man would have led his people up from Egypt! One can see Angelo's tremendous power embodied in that figure which seems quite ready to rise and give commands that none would dare disobey. It is beyond any words of mine to tell you how vital the statue seems. I have always associated the expression of this colossal Moses with that of Michael Angelo himself, and, strangely enough, in a picture of the statue of the great sculptor recently executed in this country, a striking resemblance is to be traced.

Until one has seen Michael Angelo's figures, he cannot conceive of their overwhelming size, and of the impression of power rather than of beauty that they convey. This is marvelously illustrated by the four figures in the Sacristy of the Medici family. They are leaning with their massive limbs curved upon marble sarcophagi. Above them sit the representatives of the Medici; one, alert, with a sort of surface shallowness of expression, the other with his hand veiling his mouth, seems brooding in thought over the ruined city, and is justly called Il Penseroso.

In the four figures, "Day and Night," "Twilight and Dawn," there is an awful suggestion of struggle; a turbulence of suppressed despair and hopeless misery. They seem like the elements before the spirit of God had touched the world. Florence lay despoiled. There was neither hope nor longing for her in Angelo's heart; and these heavy-limbed, sodden-souled creations tell the story of leaden despair which darkened these days in the life of Michael Angelo—the sculptor.

Flying through the night on the midnight train from Florence, by old Etruscan towns perched high upon almost inaccessible heights, and over the moonlight-flooded Campagna, we suddenly saw afar off upon the horizon what seemed a shining bell floating in the heavens. "St. Peter's Dome!" we whispered, for there, seemingly poised by its own volition in the midnight sky, hung in immortal beauty the greatest creation of Michael Angelo—the architect.

And now, last of all, Michael Angelo—the poet. There was an experience in his life vaguely defined to the world, but none the less coloring his whole existence, that tells of a hopeless sorrow. It has been thought that his somewhat disfigured face caused by the cowardly blow of an apprentice, made him morbidly sensitive, and that an unfulfilled ideal of love was also assailed. Then his city, the Florence which was to a Florentine what a concentrated republic would be to an American, was racked, torn and ruined by unworthy feuds and treacherous dealings. That he had tenderness one could feel from Pieta; the exquisite dying youth in the Louvre, and from the husband's arm fondly clasping Mary in the Uffizzi Holy Family. In his sonnets we trace a heart-hunger which seems to have come nearest a human satisfaction in his friendship with the gifted and gracious Vittoria Colonna, and we rejoice that he knew the solace of a noble woman's love. As though Fate cast around him the spell of lonely reserve, from youth to age, his mournful lament after her death that in life he had kissed neither her brow nor cheek, makes one feel that gifted and glorious as he was from childhood to the grave, yet even for him the great law of compensation was enforced. Many an Italian peasant who had passed the great genius with wondering gaze, found in the love of a dark-eyed wife and clinging children, more earthly *happiness* than was vouchsafed one to whom the world will ever remain in grateful, hopeless indebtedness.

"The course of life has brought my lingering days
In fragile ship over a stormy sea
To the common port, when all our counts must be
Ordered and reckoned, works for blame or praise.
Here ends love's tender fantasy that made
(I know the error of the thought) great art
My idol and my monarch; now my heart
Perceives how low is each man's longing laid.
Oh thoughts that tempt us, idle, sweet, and vain,
Where are ye when a double death draws near,
One sure, one threatening an eternal loss?
Painting and Sculpture now are no more gain
To still the soul turned to that Godhead dear,
Stretching great arms out to us from his cross."

MICHAEL ANGELO.

Growing Old.

They tell me I am growing old;
Many silver threads among the gold.
And yet it does not make me sad
Because I've much to make me glad.

I love the snow-clad mountains high,
Whose summits seem to reach the sky,
I love the trees, the rocky hills,
That in spring sends down its sparkling rills.

I love the sunshine, and the showers,
I love the birds, I love the flowers;
They come with songs and fragrance rare
Like benedictions after prayer.

I love my friends, yes, loyal, true,
And all the little children too;
O, why should I unhappy be
When all are kind and good to me.

I would not lift the vail to see
How long my life on earth might be,
For there's a land so long foretold
Where the inhabitants ne'er grow old.

An Old Lady.

Newry, Me.

How One Wife Managed.

Old saying—"What can't be cured must be endured." New version—"What can't be endured must needs be cured."

A very tired woman was Malvina Weeks, and she said she should never be rested again till she could have the house painted and shingled. Every shower that came over the hills brought hurry and worry with it, for she must take down everything hanging in the lean-to, and set pails in half a dozen places in the attic, and the carpet in the end room had already been taken up because the numerous wettings that it had received were spoiling it, and the brilliant colors were all running together in one indistinguishable blur.

The paint was all off the house in some places and fast coming off in others; in fact, the cottage was in a state of "peel" all over. The neighbors had begun to speak about it, and say to Malvina how nice it would look painted in light colors. And down at the sewing circle one lady had heard that she was going to have her house painted, and another asked "if she'd got to have paintin' done this fall!"

When she returned from that meeting she decided she would not attend another till the house was either painted, or she could say with truth that she expected it would be.

She had asked and asked John to have it done, and for two years she had asked in vain. First, John must have a new barn, for "A merciful man is merciful to his beast," and then he must have a new binder, for it would save half the time, and he would need but one man.

In vain she told him the house leaked, in vain she told of the peeling paint, in vain she bewailed the new rag carpet ruined by the dripping water, and said how tired she was of setting pails, and how afraid even to go to the nearest neighbor for fear of a sudden shower, and no one at home to attend to it.

Now his last refusal was ringing in her ears, and the poor woman, tired out with numerous cares of a farmer's wife, just sat down and cried. But if you think a woman's tears end the matter, you are much mistaken. The tears are only the beginning.

When she wanted anything done, John was always ready to start for the poorhouse, and was quite sure that anything laid out on the house, inside or out, was only so many paving stones on the road to the great, roomy farmhouse where the dozen or so poor and crippled ones of the town were cared for.

The first time she asked him timidly if he didn't think the house needed paint, he said, "Yes, I do, but we should go to the poorhouse if we got everything we fancied."

When she wondered if he couldn't have the roof patched, he said, "No, he couldn't lay out nothin' this year, for that binder had just about swamped him, an' he calc'lated he'd have ter go ter the poorhouse if he kep' on spending money."

She heard about the poorhouse until she was tired of it, and one day when she was out in the berry pasture, she sat down and looked at the building which could be seen in the distance just over the hill, and, with a queer feeling at her heart, she thought if she did have to go to the poorhouse, it would not be such a bad place to stay in, after all.

Next day she went about her work very quietly, and stole away in the afternoon to Widow Smith's for a little while. The next day she made another effort. "Don't you think you could have something done to the roof after you get the harvest out of the way, John?"

"If you want to go to the poorhouse, you can, I don't," was the concise answer.

When John came in at night, his supper was ready, but his wife was not to be seen. He thought she would be in in a moment, but after resting a while and seeing no signs of her, he decided to eat, as she had probably been called to some one of the neighbors. On his plate lay a note:

"Dear John: I have made arrangements with Widow Smith to come in three times a week and cook the victuals and clean up the house while I am away. ('Good land, where's she goin?') I was looking at the poorhouse the other day from the Blue Hill pasture, and it did look so nice that I thought that if I'd got to go there, I might as well go there now. It has just been painted, and I asked Goody Blake if it leaked, and she said no; and I'm going to ask Mis Grove to let me keep the end room for you, for I s'pose it won't be many weeks before you'll come too. That room looks right down on the medder that leads to our back door, and I think, if it's empty, she'll keep it for you, for she's always been real accommodatin' to me.

Don't forget to take down the coats in the lean-to and set the pails quick as you can, for it does come in like sixty when it begins. I shall work for my keep there, and if they allow paupers to go visitin' I shall come over when I ken."

Your affectionate wife,
MALVINA WEEKS.

"Wal, I never see the beat o' that!"

He ate his meal in silence, trying to digest the fact that his wife had taken his frequent allusions to the poorhouse in earnest, and thought if she had to enter the house sometime, she might as well take advantage of the condition of her own home and avail herself of its shelter at once. "Who'd a thought she would?" was a question he asked himself over and over again as he took the pails and went out to milk.

As he came back, he noticed the scaling paint and the bare sashes, and said to himself, "It looks wuz'n I thought it did." Then he remembered his last remark to her, that she could go to the poorhouse if she wanted to, he didn't She had taken him at his word.

Just at dusk, the keeper of the poorhouse drove up, and stopping before the house, said to the man sitting on the doorstep, "Hello Weeks, met with reverses?"

"No, not 'specially. Why?"

"Wal, Mis' Weeks, she cum up and talked with my wife alone, an' asked if she might stay and help her a spell, an' my wife's real glad she's cum 'cos she does think your wife knows a leetle the most about doin' pickles an' things of anybody round, 'an she put her in the spare room, 'an sent me down to see you."

John chewed a straw vigorously, while he wondered what Mr. Grove thought, and what excuse he, one of the largest tax-payers in town, could make for sending his wife to the poorhouse. He tried to seem perfectly easy as he said, "Wal, the fact is, I told her she could go. I'm going ter have the house shingled and painted, 'an I thought's long's the smell o' paint made her sick, I'd git her out of the way; but I 'xpect she'll be some 'sprised cos I didn't let on that I was goin' ter have it done."

"All right, neighbor, I won't say nothin' 'bout it," and turning the horse he drove away, but he wondered, and muttered to himself that 'twas curis doin's, and he bet there was suthin' that *he* warn't told."

However, the next time that he passed the Weeks' place, there were men at work on the roof, and men painting the kitchen inside, and he thought the front room was being papered, but he could not quite tell.

Meanwhile Vina was homesick, and though she went into the end room and looked out on the meadow that she knew reached home, just out of sight beyond the woods, it made the tears come faster, and she wondered if she couldn't have stood the leaks and peeling paint a little longer, and then, perhaps, she might have coaxed John.

John was homesick, too, and hurried the carpenters and painters till they made jokes among themselves about his impatience The home was not home with Vina gone, and he thought that perhaps she might get so used to living in a big house that she would never again care for the little house she had called home so long.

With fear and trembling he harnessed the horse, put on his best suit of clothes and started for the poorhouse. "She's awful sot, an' ef she tuk a notion she's going ter live in that big poorhouse, nothin'll fetch'er back. Mebbe if I told her I'd build a house next year, she'd come. So he tried to go over all the arguments he would use with the woman who was more ready to return than he could possibly be to have her.

She sat on the back porch knitting, when Mrs. Grove called her to answer the doorbell, for her hands were in the bread. John Weeks' argument fled, for Malvina threw her arms around his neck and sobbed:

"I've been so lonesome, oh, John!"

And he patted her on the shoulder and said, "So've I, Viny, so've I."

Then when she could think she said, with a curious expression on her face, "Have you come to stay?"

"No. I say, Viny, I'm willin'—I'll do anything—I'll build a house if you'll only come back to live. Mis' Smith can't make bread fit to chew!"

Happy woman that went riding down the valley by John's side, and told him of her stay in the poorhouse. Happy John when he came out beyond the woods, and the cottage with its new paint and bright blinds looked at them, for then Viny put her head down on his shoulder and cried that she would never go away again, and that it was all wrong for her to go when she did.

And he said very gruffly, "It was all right, and she could go again whenever she wanted to, if she'd only come back when he come after her."

She does not look longingly at the poorhouse now, and John never mentions it. Malvina has had the sewing circle meet in the parlor, and she took them all over the house, and showed them the new paint and paper, till some one declared, "John Weeks couldn't be called stingy about the house anyway."

Vina repeated it to him, with this addition: "I do like to have folks think wal of ye, John."—The Household.

How Shafter Learned Self-reliance.

TOLD BY HIMSELF.

"Once, when I was a boy at school,—I wasn't more than ten or eleven years old at the time,—our teacher called up the class in mental arithmetic and began putting questions, beginning with the pupil at the head of the row and going down toward the foot until someone could give the correct answer. I stood somewhere near the middle, and next below me was a boy who was three years older and considerably ahead of me in the various studies that we had.

'How much are thirteen and nine and eight?' the teacher asked.

While one after another of the boys ahead of me guessed and failed to get it right, I figured out what I thought the answer ought to be. The question had almost got to me when I heard the big boy just below me whispering, apparently to himself, but loud enough for me to hear, 'twenty-nine, twenty-nine, twenty-nine.'

Finally, the pupil above me failed to answer correctly, and then it was my turn.

'Well, Willie,' said the teacher, 'let's see if you know the answer. Come now, be prompt.'

I cocked my head proudly on one side, cast a triumphant look on those who had 'fallen down' on the problem and said so loud that everybody in the schoolroom could hear me:—

'Twenty-nine.'

'Next, how many are thirteen and nine and eight?'

'Aw, said the big boy below me, with a look of supreme contempt at the rest of us, 'thirty.'

That is what I had figured it to be, myself, and when the teacher said 'correct,' I wanted to fight.

I didn't assault him, but I made up my mind there and then, to depend on my own judgment in the future, and ever since, when I have had anything to do, and have figured out the best way to do it, I have gone ahead, remembering, when people criticised or tried to throw me off the track, how that big boy made a fool of me in the mental arithmetic class.—Cleveland Leader.

Notice.

In accordance with Chapter 172, Public Laws of 1893, the Board of Health has made provision for free vaccination.

All residents of the town of Bethel who may desire to avail themselves of this privilege may do so by calling at the office of the health officer, Dr. C. D. Hill, on any day between February 16th and March 16th, 1899.

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The Contest.

All interested in the contest will please bear in mind that it closes precisely at 5 o'clock Friday afternoon of this week, and that all work must be in before that time. We shall announce the standing this week in the NEWS, and then, according to our usual custom, the standing will be kept secret until the close. We do not intend to infer that the count as published this week will necessarily give much of a definite idea of the exact standing of any of the schools, as each doubtless has a good reserve force to come in at the last.

Some school will get a prize to be proud of. It will be the one that does the most earnest work. Let none be too confident of success. We cannot say who will win, we would not if we could, but the school that wins will need to marshall its forces and put forth a strong and united front.

It is Ours.

When the teachers of the village schools made that startling announcement last fall that plans were being made to secure a piano for their school building, it called out not a few who expressed themselves as somewhat doubtful as to the chances for success; nevertheless the attempt was made, and made with that determination which knows not the meaning of failure. Two entertainments were given which together netted about $90. Knowing that our good people were interested and willing to help us, subscription papers were started last Saturday for the purpose of completing the necessary amount, and in less than three hours' time $84. were raised, and thus the successful termination of the plans has come, and sooner than the promotors dared to hope.

We assure our readers that we cannot express our appreciation of the loyalty which our citizens have shown to their schools by thus assisting us, and in behalf of those who have had the matter in charge, we express our most sincere thanks. Nor has it been the teachers and citizens alone who have been interested, but the scholars as well have assisted. Those in Miss Kimball's room raised $1.25, and in Miss Wiley's room, 25 cents. Similar sums have been raised in the other rooms but we do not know the exact amounts.

Our Schools.

The town schools have closed after a successful year's work of thirty weeks, and when we say successful, we say it with implicit confidence, feeling that the citizens of the town will corroborate our statement.

Teachers, parents, and pupils have worked together in perfect harmony and the results that are sure to come from such harmonious work are ours to appreciate. A decided interest has been taken in our schools throughout the town during the past year; no one has seemed to fail to show a proper appreciation of the efforts which have been made for their improvement, but all have been inclined to do their part to bring about the satisfactory results which have been accomplished. We should be proud that our schools can be so ably conducted by our own town's teachers, for during the past year it has been necessary to employ but three teachers outside of Bethel. A new course of study for the village schools has been adopted and pursued with flattering results. Closing exercises were given last Friday, which consisted of declamations, recitations, and class work, and had it not been for the fact that one half of the scholars were out sick, together with the fact that the weather, as many of our readers will remember, was not of the most enjoyable kind, we should have planned to have a goodly number of citizens present at a public examination. The work which was given was very interesting and showed the results which can only be obtained by painstaking efforts. The teachers, not only in the village schools, but throughout the town, are to be congratulated upon their success which they so fully deserve.

It is pleasant to do business with the Cheney Medicine Co., of Toledo, Ohio. If Hall's Catarrh Cure is as gilt edged as the company which handles it, it is all right.

Card of Thanks.

I wish to thank the friends who so kindly assisted me in caring for my husband in his last illness and death; also the Odd Fellows for the brotherly respect they showed toward the departed one. Will the choir please accept my heartfelt gratitude for the music they rendered.

VITELLA M. DAVIS.

LOCAL NEWS.

W. A. Bunting of Gilead, was in town Monday.

A. F. Gilmore of Auburn, was in town last Saturday.

Town reports have the right of way at the NEWS office.

Bethel lawyers are attending court at So. Paris this week.

Mr. Fred Chandler has been promoted to the position of station agent at Norway.

Mrs. Nora Marsden who has been caring for Mrs. W. A. Bunting, has returned to her home.

A. E. Herrick was in Augusta, last week, to attend the banquet given by the Maine Bar.

Samuel W. Potter and Alice E. Bacon of Gilead, were married by J. H. Bean, Esq., at Paris, Feb. 13.

Owing to the severe storm, the school at the Academy was not in session Tuesday or Wednesday forenoon.

E. D. Cole, who is conducting the business of the late G. L. Prescott of Berlin, N. H., spent Sunday at home.

Life insurance is a good thing, but health insurance, by keeping the blood pure with Hood's Sarsaparilla, is still better.

The lecture which was to have been given last Monday night by Hon. W. W. Stetson, will be given in the near future, the date to be announced later.

Remember Friday is the last day of grace. All work to count on the contest must be in this office by 5 o'clock Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Vitella Davis returned from New Hampshire, last week. She was accompanied by a friend, Miss Nellie Kilgore, who will remain with her a short time.

Sunday being the ninetieth anniversary of President Lincoln's birthday, sermons appropriate to the occasion were delivered at the various churches in town.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. Varley Thursday afternoon. The meeting of last week was postponed on account of the storm, and the same program will be used this week.

E. D. Cole who has been conducting the jewelry business of the late G. L. Prescott of Berlin, N. H., has leased a store in the new Wertheim block in that city and will open a business for himself. He goes to Boston this week to buy his goods. Mr. Cole has had a wide experience in the jewelry business and we wish him success in his new location.

There seems to be no foundation for the report recently made in some of our papers to the effect that Bert Aldrich of Bethel had been arrested in Bangor for stealing a watch. Mr. Aldrich has been cooking at Sunday River all winter until about three weeks ago when he went to North Stratford, N. H., where he has remained until the present week. He states that he has not been in Bangor for nine years.

G. L. Lakin, Deputy State Councillor of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics is in town in the interest of the order. He is in hopes to institute a council here and will hold a preliminary meeting at I. O. O. F. hall to-night to explain the purpose and workings of the order. All are very urgently requested to be present. An order was instituted at Locke's Mills Monday night, despite the inclement weather, with 22 charter members, and a prospect of many more. Mr. Lakin has instituted 8 councils during the winter.

No one disputes the fact that we have had quite a spell of weather for the past two weeks. The mercury during that time has been constantly flirting with zero, although until last Friday the wind has been quiet. Friday was a day whose counterpart is seldom seen and the fall of light snow was tossed and whirled into piles of no mean dimensions. Sunday the roads were opened and a start of business was anticipated for Monday, but that day witnessed a steady fall of snow, coming gently but steadily all day. About sunset "Old Boreas" began his part of the work, so that Tuesday morning business was entirely suspended, no trains reaching us until the middle of the afternoon. Wednesday morning the sun showed his bright face and with little or no wind, the roads and streets will soon be cleared and traffic be as brisk as in the last few weeks. The storm has been of wide range for from parts heard from to date reports of disaster and distress come. It is said that in the South the cold has never before been equalled. Trains throughout New England were cancelled, while early Monday morning all electric roads suspended business. With such severe weather, and a coal famine as is feared in some sections, tales of much suffering are to be expected when we are again opened up to the world.

How it Hurts.

Rheumatism, with its sharp twinges, aches and pains. Do you know the cause? Acid in the blood has accumulated in your joints. The cure is found in Hood's Sarsaparilla which neutralizes this acid. Thousands write that they have been completely cured of rheumatism by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Mr. L. Whitney Elkins, the popular principal of the grammar school for the past year, went to Boothbay Wednesday morning. After a few days' visit there and in Boston he will return to his home in Jackson, N. H.

After noting the boasts which some of our sister towns are making of the achievements of certain of the gentler sex, it remains for Bethel, to furnish one at least, who is not afraid of work. She it is who has done her housework, cared for her horse, and worked at the printing office every working day since September, without losing one minute's time, and though the streets and sidewalks were considered by all reasonable thinking men, practically impassable yesterday, yet the usual hour found her, with her shovel in hand, seeking admission to her place of work, after having shoveled through the numerous drifts which obstructed her passage.

Our Young Readers.

The Little Boy and the Stars.

You little twinkling stars that shine
Above my head so high,
If I had but a pair of wings
I'd join you in the sky.

I am not happy lying here
With neither books nor toys,
For I am sent to bed because
I've been a naughty boy.

If you will listen, little stars,
I'll tell you all I did;
I only said I would not do
The thing my mother bid!

I'm six years old this very day,
And I can write and read,
And not to have my own way yet,
Is very hard indeed.

I do not know how old you are,
Or whether you can speak,
But you may twinkle all night long,
And play at hide-and-seek.

If I were with you, little stars,
How merrily we'd roll
Across the skies and through the cloud
And round about the pole!

The moon, that once was round and full,
Is now a silver boat;
We'd launch it off that bright-edged cloud,
And then—how we would float!

Does anybody say 'Be still,'
When you would dance or play?
Does anybody hinder you
When you would have your way?

O, tell me, little stars, for much
I wonder why you go
The whole night long from east to west,
So patiently and slow.

We have a Father, little child,
Who guides us on our way;
We never question—when he speaks
We listen and obey.

Little and Good.

A dwarf tree by mistake was planted among standard pears, and left to grow there. For four years it was quite small, while the others were becoming large.

"Why don't you cut down, or root out, that little thing?" asked people of the owner of the orchard. "It takes the place that might be occupied by a large tree; and yet what will it amount to in the end?"

But though the owner saw that a mistake had been made, he determined to try what he could do with the dwarf by special care.

"Well, I declare!" said the little dwarf to itself presently, "I am not half as big as those other trees. No wonder they call me a dwarf; I am one, that's certain. No matter; dwarfs can bear as good pears as large trees, and I mean to see what I can do."

The next spring the buds of the dwarf were very large, and they came out early, and all through the summer the little tree busied itself gathering food from earth and air to feed the little pears that came in the place of blossoms.

How those pears grew! What immense fellows they became; and they were as nice and smooth as any in the orchard!

A week before the county fruit show, the owner of the orchard brought some friends to see the pears. "Take some of those to the show," said one friend. "I'm almost certain they'll take the first prize."

So a plate of pears from the dwarf was placed on the table at the show. People stopped to ask where the beautiful fruit came from, while the judges gave the first prize to the dwarf pears, and nothing at all to what came from its big neighbors.

That prize made up for all the little fellow had endured. "Better be a dwarf and bear such pears, than a standard and get no prize at all," said he to himself, after he heard the news. He concluded that, after all, it is about as good to be a little fellow and bear first-class fruit as it is to be a great tree and bear ordinary pears.

What do the boys and girls who seem to be of little account in the world think about it?—Sunday School Advocate.

A little girl, in the infant Sunday school thoroughly appreciated the difference between being good from choice and necessity. At the close of the school one day the teacher remarked: "Beckie, dear, you have been a very good little girl to-day." "Yes, m'm, I couldn't help being good; I got a 'tiff neck," the youthful Beckie replied, with perfect seriousness.

A boy in a country school was reading the following sentence: "The lighthouse is a landmark by day and a beacon by night," and he rendered it thus: "The lighthouse is a landlord by day and a deacon by night."

USED TO DIG GRAVES.

An English Woman Who Served as Cemetery Sexton For Years.

Did you ever hear of a woman being a sexton? Yet you need only go as far as Lewes to see one, or rather one that used to ply the craft. Though she has retired, she is hale and hearty.

She is Mrs. Steer, who was born in the parish of All Saints, Lewes, 70 years ago. Her husband was appointed gravedigger and attendant at All Saints' and Cliff cemetery, which adjoins St. Michael's. Her husband died four years after, and she continued to live in the cottage in the grounds and often dug the graves.



MRS. STEER, GRAVEDIGGER.

The fee for digging the last grave was 18 pence, including the wheeling away of three or four barrow loads of chalk to the waste bank. Of late years her nephew, a laborer, has really done the work, but she is so active that the other day she was lopping the trees. She must have a hand in everything.

She is now chiefly employed in weeding the paths and attending to the flowers on many graves.—London Sketch.

Young Mother's Fad.

It has become a fad of late for the young mother to invest in one of the little diaries (which is about as good a descriptive name as any for the books in question) for her firstborn. This book, which several firms have got out under various names, is designed as a sort of diary of the child's life from its birth to its teens. There are pages for its pretty photographs of various ages, for its quaint and witty sayings, for its unusually cute and bright acts, for its budding characteristics and talents which may need development later on. There are also pages devoted to its physical life, records of its ailments and actual illnesses, with remedies and curatives, which may be of not a little service to the mother when the next little one appears. This diary is so arranged that the trouble of keeping it is very slight indeed. Its interest to the child, when grown up, cannot fail to be great, and its value to the mother, in the care of the children who may follow this little one, is untold. Truly, this is a fad which has considerable common sense to it.—Elmira Telegram.

The Disease of Food Fear.

Of all the emotions fear is the most deadly, and whether in the supreme degree where is turns the hair white, or in the minor degree where it invests every apple with stomach ache, the disease of "food fear" is not to be treated lightly, for it is both widespread and deep seated. It has spoiled life's comfort for many, and, unchecked, will spoil it for many more. Intelligence surely points to accepting all natural foods as "good." We should divest them in our minds of any adverse reputation they may have and then test them confidently on their own merits—not once, but many times. If possibly, some personal idiosyncrasy interferes with toleration of an article, we should yield to it grudgingly only after determined resistance; for does it not seem a logical necessity that the stomach, like all other organs of the body, is weakened by inaction and strengthened by proper exercise? A personal idiosyncrasy counts for more than all the dietary arguments in the world, and we all of us prove the truth of this every day we live.—Ella Morris Kretschmar in Woman's Home Companion.

A Big City Tragedy.

The little tragedies of the big fires are seldom told. One occurred recently when a small girl went to work and found the big shop a mere shell coated with ice and surrounded by a crowd of firemen and passersby. She sat down on the curb of the street and wept. A policeman told her to "move on out of that," and she did, circling around the corner and gazing at the ruined shop like a bird hovers over a nest which has been despoiled of its nestlings. She had only been employed in the place for three weeks. It was her first position, and she had already "saved money," which was to be the nucleus of a sum to send her brother south for his health. The family was poor and she had left school in order to help. The big fire deferred if not destroyed all the budding plans at one blow. Some one in the crowd assured her that the firm would get another building soon and re-employ all the old "hands," and with this crumb of comfort she went weeping away.—Commercial Advertiser.

Women Elected In Idaho.

Mrs. Mary A. Wright was elected to the Idaho house of representatives from Kootenai county at the recent elections, in addition to Mrs. Clara Campbell of Ada county and Mrs. Harriet Noble of Boise county. Miss Permeal French was elected state superintendent of public instruction. In 16 of the 21 counties women were chosen to be school superintendents, and four of the county treasurers are women.

PNEUMATIC HOISTS.

How They Are Employed In Shops, Shipyards and Similar Places.

Pneumatic hoists of different styles are extensively used in machine and boiler shops, foundries, shipyards, bridge works, slaughter houses, breweries, factories in every branch of trade, in all places, in fact, where it is necessary to raise heavy loads frequently and expeditiously. The type of hoist in most general use and the one possessing the widest range of adaptability is the ordinary direct acting, straight lift hoist. This is simply a cylinder suspended from the top end and fitted with a piston and piston rod, the latter having a hook at its lower end for receiving the weight. In the smaller sizes of these hoists the cylinder usually consists of ordinary brass tubing with cast heads held in place by tie rods passing through the heads and secured by nuts. In the larger hoists the cylinder is a casting bored out to the proper diameter.

When the nature of the service permits, the hoists are suspended in a fixed and permanent location, but their greatest field of usefulness is realized by suspending them from a trolley running on an overhead rail. When so arranged, the air supply hose is sufficiently long to permit the hoist to be moved the entire length of the overhead rail. The hose is wound upon a drum and passes over idlers arranged alongside of the rail, a spring being utilized for rewinding the hose upon the drum as the hoist returns.

Another method is to disconnect the hose from the hoist when necessary by means of a convenient coupling, the escape of air being prevented through the automatic closing of the valve by the air pressure. With this arrangement the range of travel of the hoist with its load is unrestricted. The hoist requires no labor other than the manipulation of a three way valve, and the load may be held at any point at will. The speed of lifting is variable, being entirely under the control of the operator, and the workman does not have to wait for slowly moving mechanism, as in chain hoists.

Horizontal cylinder hoists may be used in cases where head room is lacking, and these are constructed in a variety of forms, but whenever the conditions will permit, whether upon cranes or otherwise, the vertical direct acting type is preferable, as it is more easily operated, is higher in efficiency, and lifts more evenly and smoothly than the other type.

When it is impossible to utilize either the vertical or horizontal hoist, the air motor hoist may be used to advantage. In this device the common differential chain hoist is provided with an air motor fitted between the side plates which form the frame of the hoist.—W. P. Pressinger in Cassier's Magazine For February.

STATE NEWS.

Hon. Jeremiah Dingley, one of Auburn's most prominent and wealthiest citizens, passed away Sunday forenoon, aged 77 years. Mr. Dingley had been prominent in municipal affairs. He had served several terms in both branches of the legislature as well as in the city government. He was a successful banker and business man. At the time of his death he was president of the First National bank and a member of the Dingley-Foss Shoe Company. Mr. Dingley was an uncle of the late Congressman Dingley. A widow and two daughters survive him.

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Mrs. W. C. Beals, whose disappearance from Brunswick some months ago was the sensation of the day, has returned. Her husband after a fruitless search for her, sold his household goods and moved away. Mrs. Beals says that she wrote her husband shortly after leaving home telling him that she was going into business as a canvasser for a tidy fastener. She gave the letter to a boy to mail and the boy did not do so. She has been at work in New York and only recently learned that her husband had not received her letter.

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County Attorney Charles D. Newell of Richmond, while riding recently, was thrown from his sleigh, his horse having taken fright at a passing freight train, and striking a lamp post his left leg was broken above the ankle. He was taken into the near-by Congregational church by the train men, from whence he was conveyed to his home.

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The prompt and emphatic decision of Dr. Laberge, the health officer of Montreal, that the disease epidemic in Winslow and Waterville is small-pox, has opened the eyes of the doubters and swung every citizen into line in taking prompt and energetic measures in stamping out the disease. There are now 14 houses in Waterville quarantined, one new case Sunday. Winslow has about 40 cases, two new ones Sunday and one expected to die before morning. The Waterville school board has decided to close the public schools Monday for an indefinite time. Vaccination is being pushed. One physician is to be put in charge of all small-pox patients to prevent danger of spreading. The quarantine is to be made absolute. Both places are talking of providing a pest house to be used in common.

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In the midst of the terrible blizzard Tuesday morning, the office of the New Age Publishing Company of Belfast, was burned. A loss of $5000 is reported. The firemen had a fearful time in the blizzard.

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How to Grill Salt Pork.

Take a pound of quite thin slices of the thick part of side pork, of a clear white and thinly streaked with lean. Hold on a toasting fork before a clear fire to grill, immersing it frequently in cold water to remove the superfluous fat and render it more delicate. Put each slice as cooked in a warm covered pan. When all are done, serve hot.

How to Make Lip Salve.

Almond oil, quarter of a pound; wax and spermaceti, each one ounce; attar of almonds, half a dram; attar of geranium, quarter of a dram. Heat and mix thoroughly.

How to Cure Whooping Cough.

For obstinate cases of whooping cough the following prescription has been highly recommended: Bromoform, 15 parts; tincture of gelsemium, 16 parts; sirup of lactucarium, 120 parts; powdered acacia, q. s. The dose is three or four teaspoonfuls during each day.

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West Bethel,	5.14	8.42	3.26
BETHEL,	**5.24**	**8.51**	**3.33**
Locke's Mills,	5.36	9.00	3.41
Bryant Pond,	5.45	9.08	3.47
South Paris,	6.17	9.35	4.16
Portland,	8.10	11.30	5.45

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	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Portland,	8.10	1.30	6.00
South Paris,	9.59	3.40	7.58
Bryant Pond,	10.29	4.20	8.35
Locke's Mills,	10.37	4.31	8.45
BETHEL,	**10.45**	**4.40**	**9.00**
West Bethel,	10.52	4.48	9.10
Gilead,	11 03	5.02	9.24
Gorham,	11.31	5.50	10 00
Island Pond,	1.32	8.05	12.20

Sunday paper train leaves Portland going west at 8.30 a. m., South Paris 10.19, Bryant Pond 10.51, Locke's Mills 10.59, Bethel 11.10, West Bethel 11.20, Gilead 11.34, Gorham 12.00, arriving in Berlin 12.25.

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Commenced Business March 7, 1872.
WILLIAM N. KREMER, President.
CHARLES G. SMITH, Secretary.
Capital paid up in cash.....$1,000,000.00

ASSETS, DECEMBER 31, 1898.

Real estate owned by the company, unincumbered.....	15,000 00
Loans on bond and mortgage (first liens).....	53,000 00
Stocks and bonds owned by the company, market value.....	7,332,703 00
Loans secured by collaterals.....	0
Cash in company's principal office and in bank.....	252,793 54
Interest due and accrued.....	10,535 17
Premiums in due course of collection.....	495,412 09
Aggregate of all the admitted assets of the company at their actual value.....	$8,157,443 80

LIABILITIES. DECEMBER 31, 1898.

Net amount of unpaid losses and claims.....	375,955 40
Amount required to safely re-insure all outstanding risks.....	2,674,911 67
All other demands against the company, viz: commissions etc.....	194,567 35
Total amount of liabilities, except capital stock and net surplus.....	3,245,434 42
Capital actually paid up in cash.....	1,000,000 00
Surplus beyond capital.....	3,922,009 38
Aggregate amount of liabilities including net surplus.....	8,167,443 80

W. J. Wheeler & Co., Agents,
38 South Paris, Me.

CONDENSED STATEMENT
—OF THE—
Phenix Insurance Co.
of Brooklyn, N. Y.
Incorporated in 1853.
Commenced Business in 1853.
GEO. P. SHELDON, President.
WILLIAM A. WRIGHT, Secretary.
Capital paid up in cash,...$1,000,000.00

ASSETS, DECEMBER 31, 1898.

Real Estate owned by the company, unincumbered,.....	543,000 00
Loans on bond and mortgage (first liens).....	96,600 00
Stocks and bonds owned by the company, market value.....	4,047,717 00
Cash in company's principal office and in bank.....	594,980 54
Interest due and accrued.....	13,745 71
Premiums in due course of collection.....	382,105 93
Aggregate of all the admitted assets of the company at their actual value.....	$ 5,678,149 18

LIABILITIES, DECEMBER 31, 1898.

Net amount of unpaid losses and claims.....	212,020 83
Amount required to safely re-insure all outstanding risks.....	2,940,130 99
All other demands against the company, viz: commissions, etc.....	5,288 85
Total amount of liabilities, except capital stock and net surplus.....	3,157 440 67
Capital actually paid up in cash.....	1,000,000 00
Surplus beyond capital.....	1,520,708 51
Aggregate amount of liabilities including net surplus.....	$ 5,678,149 18

W. J. Wheeler & Co., Agents,
37 South Paris, Me.

PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the Estates named:

At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine. The following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Bethel NEWS a newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of February, A. D., 1899, at 9 of the clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereof, if they see cause.

ROSE K. KIMBALL late of Rumford, deceased, petition that the amount of the State Collateral Inheritance Tax be fixed and determined; presented by Henrietta W. Smith, devisee.

BARNARD M. PRESCOTT late of Gilead, deceased. final account presented for allowance by David R. Hastings, administrator.

SEWARD S. STEARNS, Judge of said Court,
A true copy—attest:
3w35 ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

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Can be quickly secured by an Ad in the Bethel News. If you can't come in, use the mails.

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An elegant lace boot—newest tie—Kid top—hand-sewed welt—just the thing for fall wear.

PRICE $3.50
the world over.

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PALMER SHOE CO.
PORTLAND ME.

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DENMARK.

Howard Poor of Sebago, was in town Tuesday.

Will Johnson has been quite il the past week.

A. H. Witham is having an attack of the grip.

Charles B. Smith and wife have been ill with the grips.

Rev. Mr. Sargent and family had the grip the past week.

Moses Hennerson had a narrow escape from death last week. A tree fell on him while he was at work in the woods.

Rev. C. H. Young of West Bald win stopped at A. H. Witham's, on his way to So. Paris, where he delivered a lecture.

Several of the members of Rebekah lodge went to Brownfield Tuesday evening to attend the institution of Rebekah lodge there.

Ripans Tabules: one gives relief.

COUNTY NEWS.

OTHER COUNTY NEWS ON PAGE FOUR.

WEST BETHEL.

"—Last night it blew,
The feathers flew,
Snow it sifted,
Badly drifted;

This morning streets and roads so full, The teams their loads could scarcely pull;
Now all turn out with teams and big snow-plow.
And clean the public highways out somehow.

We now enter upon the Lenten season.

St. Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday come this week.

A number from this place are attending court at South Paris.

We are glad to see L. H. Tyler out again after his severe illness.

The road machine was plowing through the snow-drifts here on Saturday and Sunday.

We hear some complaining of vegetables freezing in the cellars during the cold nights of the past week.

Albion P. Mason and wife have been sick for a week, but both are now thought to be improving.

Miss Flora J. Wheeler was obliged to close her school in Jefferson, N. H., on account of sickness among her pupils.

Small-pox is getting quite near us, one or two cases being reported in Auburn, and over thirty in Waterville and Winslow.

We have received a neatly printed and attractive seed catalogue from George B. Haskell & Co., Lewiston, which shows what fine work can be done in the Bethel NEWS Job Office.

GILEAD.

James Guptill has moved his family into A. L. Whitman's house.

The Newell brothers have finished hauling their wood, and left their camp last Saturday night.

Mr. Fred Dubee has recently moved into the rent over that which is occupied by Goodwin Cole and family.

Our road commissioner, John M. Newell, with J. W. Bennett's snow plough and a crew of four or five men, passed through the district between Wild river and Shelburne line the 13, breaking roads.

NEWRY CORNER.

Charlie Frost is one of the late sufferers from grip.

The entire family of Mr. Charles Moore have been ill with the grip.

Mrs. Dell Smith has gone to Andover, to cook and care for the sick in Mr. Smith's camp.

Mr. Moses Robinson at Bethel town farm had an ill turn last Friday morning.

Mrs. Phineas Hastings has been seriously ill with grip. She has also cut her hand quite badly.

Mr. Thurston's mill is again in operation. We hear its cheery whistle morning, noon, and night.

Owing to sickness Mr. Hervey Hastings will lose the help of the colored man whom he had engaged for the year. His wife remains, for the present, to assist in the household work.

The school at North Bethel has just finished a pleasant term of eight weeks, taught by Miss Bertha Moody of Leed's Corner. Her pupils presented her with a manicure set and a dainty cup and saucer. One of the pupils, Miss Hazel Small, has not been absent for a single half day this term, nor for the three preceding terms.

WILSON'S MILLS.

D. C. Bennett finished logging, Friday.

About eight inches of snow fell, Wednesday.

Bert Sherburn, who is staying at J. W. Bucknam's, is sick with the grip.

A. J. Dunning passed through here, Saturday, on his way to the lakes.

Mrs. John Olson has been caring for S. S. Bennett during her recent illness.

Quite a number from here attended the funeral of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wilson, Friday.

RUMFORD.

Miss Sessions of Milton, is working for Mrs. Grace Delano.

Elias Abbott visited his brother Lyman, at West Bethel, last week.

Mrs. Colson Abbott had a slight shock, last week, from which she is recovering.

Mrs. Clara Fuller of South Rumford, is caring for her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Adams.

Mrs. Eva Osgood of Boston, was called here by the sickness of her mother, Mrs. W. W. Stevens.

The inhabitants of this little village are nearly all battling with La Grippe, but we are very happy to say all appear to be on the winning side, though some are very sick.

MAGALLOWAY.

About a foot of snow fell the 8th.

Miss Lois Wilson is at work for Dillie Bennett.

Died, Feb. 13, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee G. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Bean who has been ill for some time, are very much better.

N. W. Bennett's family have recovered from the grip, and are able to be out again.

SOUTH PARIS.

All the schools except the High, closed last Friday afternoon for a vacation of two weeks.

Several of our people attended the minstrel show on Paris Hill, last Wednesday evening.

There is to be a supper and entertainment at the Grange hall, Wednesday evening, Feb. 15.

The log saw at the Paris Mfg. Co. is now run nights, there not being power enough to successfully run it day-times with the other machinery.

Some of the Colby college students of this place, are now at home because of small-pox, which has been strictly quarantined at Waterville.

The longest distance that a human voice has been heard over the telephone from this place, was when Mrs. Abijah Hall talked with her son at St. Louis last Saturday.

The Ladies' Relief Corps gave an antiquarian supper and entertainment at G. A. R. hall last Saturday evening. A good sized crowd enjoyed the supper which was served by the ladies of the corps, who were dressed in antiquarian costumes.

The pupils of the High school will hold their last lyceum at the school house Friday evening. This is to be entirely different from the previous ones. There are to be six seniors on the debate, and in place of the school paper, there is to be a wand drill by several young ladies.

ALBANY.

We think the old adage:
"If Candlemas day be clear and bright,
Look out for the winter in its might."
bids fair to prove true this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Lufkin are rejoicing over the birth of an heir.

W. W. Bird and wife, also Mrs. Mary Bird, visited at J. K. Wheeler's recently.

Eight members of Round Mountain Grange attended "Pomona" at Bryant Pond, Feb. 7, and a pleasant meeting is reported.

Round Mountain Grange will celebrate Washington's birthday at its next session. We hope for a full attendance, as we think the program will be interesting as well as instructive.

LOVELL.

La Grippe is somewhat abating.

Ed Hutchins and wife have moved to Mud City.

Ned Fox has returned to his school in Portland.

Eben Fox has bought the farm in Sweden, formerly owned by Wm. H. Walker.

Our postmaster, Mr. James Farrington, died very suddenly a few days ago; his death was caused by heart failure from which he had been suffering for some time. He was greatly beloved and respected and his many friends sincerely mourn his loss.

An Honest Medicine For La Grippe.

George W. Waitt of South Gardiner, Me., says: "I have had the worst cough, cold, chills and grip and have taken lots of trash of no account but profit to the vendor. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the only thing that has done any good whatever. I have used one 50 cent bottle and the chills, cold and grip have all left me. I congratulate the manufacturers of honest medicine." For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel, and W. H Crockett, Locke's Mills.

Have You Heard of It?

You may have heard about SCOTT'S EMULSION and have a vague notion that it is cod-liver oil with its bad taste and smell and all its other repulsive features. It is cod-liver oil, the purest and the best in the world, but made so palatable that almost everybody can take it. Nearly all children like it and ask for more.

SCOTT'S EMULSION

looks like cream; it nourishes the wasted body of the baby, child or adult better than cream or any other food in existence. It bears about the same relation to other emulsions that cream does to milk. If you have had any experience with other so-called "just as good" preparations, you will find that this is a fact.

The hypophosphites that are combined with the cod-liver oil give additional value to it because they tone up the nervous system and impart strength to the whole body.

50c. and $1.00, all druggists.
SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York.

SHELBURNE.

The grip is still raging in town.

W. W. Gardner is selling tickets on a camera.

Roy Spiller, who is at work in Albany, was home over Sunday.

Quite a number from here attended the masquerade ball at Gilead, February 2.

Will Tucker raffled off a cornet Saturday night. E. P. Haines drew the lucky number.

Alden Wilson hurt his side recently while working in the woods, and is laying off for a few days.

Helen Emery went to Gorham, Sunday to stay with her aunt, Mrs. Charles Emery, for a few days.

Horace Godsoe got hurt last Thursday by being thrown from a load of logs, while coming down the mountain.

The trustees of the public library request that all books that have been out over three weeks be returned at once. There are quite a number of volumes out.

The Hezeltine Cemetery association has been incorporated. The officers are as follows: B. F. Lary, president; V. C. Green, clerk; B. E. Lary, treasurer; executive committee, B. F. Lary, V. C. Green, C. C. Hebbard, H. C. Green and E. P. Green. The purpose of this association is to care for and keep in order the graveyard near the village.

HASTINGS.

Those in town who have had the grip are improving.

A. P. Bassett was in town on business, one day last week.

The log trains are now making two trips a day and one at night.

Tommie Griffin of West Milan, is working for the Hastings Lumber Co.

The train went to Gilead Thursday, carrying a party who attended a dance there.

The engine "Turtle" got away from Engineer Ned Griffin, last Thursday, and being unable to hold it they were obliged to jump, but fortunately no one was hurt. Five car loads of logs went off the track. The engine is somewhat damaged.

MARSHALL DISTRICT.

Miss Mattie Flint has gone to Bethel to work.

Clarence Briggs visited his grandfather, J. H. Briggs, Sunday.

Mrs. Maria Hazeltine made us a pleasant call one day last week.

Misses Sibyl and Viola Cummings are attending High school at Hunt's Hill.

Mrs. Mary Bird and daughter Eva, also the grandchildren, will go to Biddeford, soon.

We were pained to learn of the death of that noble man, Mr. Woodbury; he always seemed so pleasant to old and young.

GROVER HILL.

"Let other Washingtons
Our country bless,
And, like the brave and wise
Of by-gone centuries,
Show that true greatness lies
In righteousness."

Cold stormy weather.

Teamsters say that the sledding is rather hard now.

The Swan and Lapham boys have trapped quite a number of rabbits in the swamps, for market this winter.

Mr. Rufus Rice visited friends in this section Saturday and Sunday.

N. A. Stearns is at Paris this week.

Mrs. Abiah Bennett and Mrs. John B. Peaslee, the oldest people of this place, are both enjoying good health this winter.

BRYANT POND.

Mrs. Ellen Bowker is sick.

Lee Rowe is clerking for Frank Small.

Mr. James Day is attending court.

Mrs. Emma Estes is visiting her mother at West Paris.

Lyceum at the Chase school house, Thursday evening.

Holly Cushman was home from Berlin, N. H., one day last week.

Harry Elliott made a flying visit at his wife's father's, S. G. Wyman, this week.

The scholars of the Grammar school will have their lyceum next Friday evening.

Miss Lizzie Stevens, who is attending Gorham Normal school, was at home Saturday and Sunday; she brought a friend with her.

Extending the Strawberry Season.

How to extend the strawberry fruiting season is a matter worthy of the attention that growers seem to be devoting to it. It is known that early varieties in a favorable soil, with southern exposure, from which the mulch is removed in the spring as soon as it is safe to do so and which receive early cultivation will have their fruiting season hastened. A correspondent of Orange Judd Farmer suggests that for late fruiting the opposite process may be more successfully employed with one of the latest varieties. The late ones should be given a northern exposure and left untouched in the winter until the ground is deeply frozen, and then mulched lightly with straw or coarse manure. After this mulch has settled and is covered with snow or ice, spread on a thick layer of straw. The thicker this second covering is the better. Both of the layers should be left on the late strawberries until the earlier ones are in blossom, when it should be removed and the plants helped through the first mulch in case they do not readily come through alone. Plants left covered until late in spring have less ability to help themselves through any mulch than those that have been allowed to start early.

PILES

"I suffered the tortures of the damned with protruding piles brought on by constipation with which I was afflicted for twenty years. I ran across your CASCARETS in the town of Newell, Ia., and never found anything to equal them. To-day I am entirely free from piles and feel like a new man."
C. H. KEITZ, 1411 Jones St., Sioux City, Ia.

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REGULATE THE LIVER

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NO-TO-BAC Sold and guaranteed by all druggists to CURE Tobacco Habit.

SCHOOL CONTEST.

The electric program clock is truly a wonder, and where is the school that would not hail with delight the opportunity of securing one absolutely free. Electricity has been put to numberless uses, and now we have it harnessed to the school clock, carrying, with the speed of light, on its metallic roadway, the messages of president to professor, or principal to assistants, announcing the end of class periods, the time to study, the time for dismissal, etc. This clock will cause the bells to ring in different rooms at different or the same intervals, as desired, and will do its work from one year's end to the other, resting nights, Saturdays, and Sundays. It gives each period the correct time alloted to it in the program, and the entire school is not at the caprice of a forgetful bell-ringer, nor any one's watch, as the program clock is the standard time for the entire school. It is this unique and valuable invention that we are to give the academy in this section that will do the most work for us during the next four months.

CONDITIONS.

This contest is open to the following academies: Gould's, Hebron, Bridgton, Fryeburg and Paris Hill. The work will be securing subscriptions to the Bethel NEWS, advertising and job printing, and will be confined entirely to new work; that is, renewals will not count, neither will cash paid on advertising already secured by us; but any space sold our advertisers, in excess of the amount already contracted for, may be counted.

The count will be credited as follows:

Every dollar paid on new subscriptions,	100 points.
Every dollar paid on advertising in NEWS,	50 "
Every dollar paid on job printing,	50 "
Every coupon printed in the NEWS,	1 point

A WORD TO CONTESTANTS.

It is the school that begins early, works late, and works all the time that will secure this valuable prize; so organize and begin at once; make a thorough canvass of the territory throughout which the people are interested in your school; urge every one you see to help you to the extent of their subscription, and write to all you can not see, explaining your purpose and ask for their co-operation; visit the merchants, doctors, lawyers, in fact all business men, who have job printing, and solicit their work; visit those who advertise and sel them space in the NEWS; in short work, interest all the friends you can, work yourselves, ask your friends to work, and the prize is yours.

COUNT.

Bridgton,	8375
Gould's,	8640
Hebron,	3988

The contest will close Friday afternoon, Feb. 17, at 5 o'clock sharp. Be sure and get in all work on that date.

ONE POINT

For.....

Name.....

Cut this out and send it to the Bethel News, and it will count one point for your school

To Be Prepared

For war is the surest way for this nation to preserve peace. That is the opinion of the wisest statesmen. It is equally true that to be prepared for spring is the best way to avoid the peculiar dangers of the season. This is a lesson multitudes are learning, and at this time, when the blood is sure to be loaded with impurities and to be weak and sluggish, the millions begin to take Hood's Sarsaparilla, which purifies, enriches and vitalizes the blood, expels all disease germs, creates a good appetite, gives strength and energy, and puts the whole system in a healthy condition, preventing pneumonia, fevers, and other dangerous diseases which are liable to attack a weakened system.

How to Make Turnip Cakes.

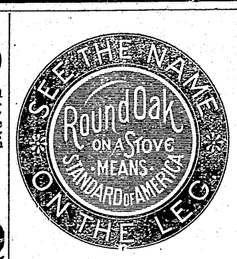
Two cups cold mashed turnips; if it was seasoned when cooked add nothing but a beaten egg and one teaspoonful flour. Make into flat cakes, roll in egg and bread crumbs and saute in hot butter or fry in deep fat.

How to Cook Potato Ribbons.

Cut the potatoes in strips. Have a pan hot and put in it about a tablespoonful of butter. Drain the potato ribbons, roll in flour or cracker dust and fry brown.

To Cure Constipation Forever.

Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic. 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money





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Look at these prices—17 Jeweled, Adjusted Waltham Movement in 25 yr, 14k gold filled case, $16.75. 15 Jeweled, Pat. Reg., Waltham Movement in 25 year, 14k gold filled case, $13.15. 7 Jeweled, Waltham Movement in Nickel Silver Case, $3.50. Above prices for limited time.

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ROUND SHOULDERS.

How to Straighten Them by Observing Certain Rules.

The very best and most nourishing foods must be taken, as weakness of constitution or health is one of the first causes of round shoulders. You should take a strong iron and quinine tonic, and if it is cold weather when you begin the cure take cod liver oil as well. If this is apt to disagree, take cream instead. You must keep regular hours as to meals and sleep and have plenty of outdoor exercise, only without undue exertion. Walking is about the best exercise to take, though riding and bicycling may be indulged in when you are getting better.

You must be careful to sleep on a hard mattress, never on a feather bed, and you must also take care that your pillows are not raised too much, as this is apt to throw the head forward and add to the rounded shoulders instead of making them any better. You should be very careful always to walk very straight and never lounge along the road. The way to do this is to hold the shoulders well back, the chin well in the air, to look straight forward on a level with your eyes, and never droop the head and go through life looking for possible pins on the ground.

On no account must you stoop over your work or reading, as this is very bad indeed. If you are sewing, you must sit in a very low chair and one that has a straight back to lean against. If by any chance you have to sit on a high chair to do your work, you must see that you have a footstool. In writing you should either sit at a table which is the proper height or you should always use a sloped desk and in reading never hold the book on your knee, but hold it up and lean back or sit upright.

You should very often hold your hands behind your back and walk this way up and down a room or out of doors for ten minutes at a time when you have nothing better to do. You must also lie flat on a backboard or the floor several hours a day. You should also practice walking up and down the room with a book balanced on your head. This will make you hold your head very upright and help to cure the ugliness of your round shoulders.

How to Make Cheese Sauce.

This is to be served with chops and is made by parboiling two or three onions, draining them and cutting them in pieces and placing them over the fire with two teaspoonfuls of sugar and a dash of pepper and salt. Let cook without coloring, add two tablespoonfuls of boiled rice and a pint of broth and simmer until the onion is soft. Add two tablespoonfuls of finely grated cheese, mix thoroughly and press through a sieve. Reheat and add salt and pepper if necessary and a tablespoonful of heavy cream just before serving.

How to Make Coffee Fritters.

Half or one-third of the following recipe will be sufficient for five persons: Trim a small loaf of stale bread free from crust and cut into fingers one inch square and four inches in length. Beat well together three eggs. Add to them one cup of milk, one and a half cups of moderately strong coffee and a pinch of salt. Dip each finger in this, lay on a platter and pour over them the remainder of the mixture, turning them at intervals until all is absorbed. Have ready in a saucer one well beaten egg and a large plateful of stale bread crumbs. Dip each finger into the egg, then roll in the crumbs. Drop two or three at a time into a deep saucepan partly filled with smoking hot fat and cook until golden brown all over. Drain on unglazed paper for a moment. Dust with powdered sugar and serve.

CHESTNUT CULTURE.

Considered a Profitable Industry. The Killen a Very Large Nut.

Although an increasing interest is shown in chestnut culture as a profitable industry, as good authority as H. E. Van Deman expresses the opinion in New England Homestead that our people seem surprisingly slow in taking it up. He also says:

There are millions of acres of suitable chestnut land in this country, and much of it that is peculiarly adapted to its culture. Sandstone, shale or sandy, well drained soil is the best. Limestone land does not seem to suit the wild chestnut trees, for they are seldom found on it. The hills and mountains from Massachusetts to Georgia are the home of our great wild chestnut forests.

Of all the varieties of the chestnut, either European, Asiatic or American, the Killen is the largest I have seen, and I do not believe there is any other as large in this country. The Giant, which is of Japanese origin, is the nearest to it, and some of the Parry seedlings are almost as large.

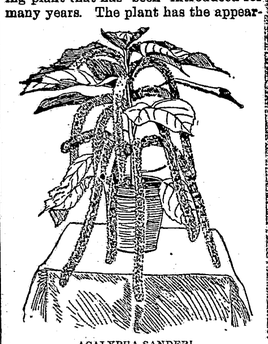
The Killen is a seedling of the Japanese species, Castania japonica, and originated from a nut planted within the last ten years by J. W. Killen of Delaware. The tree began to bear very early, and it was a remarkable sight to see the large burs on so small a tree. The first time I saw it was in 1893. It was then bearing several burs and not so high as my head. Mr. Killen began to graft the scions in other trees and found that they bore the next year after being set. This precocity and abundant fruitfulness seem to be typical of the variety, judging by all the young trees and grafts as well as by the old tree.

The nuts are very large. There are rarely less than three nuts to the bur, and single nuts, when they do occur, are even larger. In quality the Killen chestnut is not equal to our native wild chestnuts, nor are any of the varieties of the foreign types, so far as I have tested them. But it is better than the average of either the European or Japanese kinds. In habit the tree is not so robust as some of the Japanese varieties, but it is not feeble or so dwarfish as some of them. It makes a very satisfactory orchard tree.

Something New and Unique.

At the recent flower and fruit exhibition of the American institute in New York city probably no one feature received more attention and comment than a collection of the new flowering plant called Acalypha sanderi. The peculiar character of its red flowers and its handsomely colored foliage made it a showy and interesting object. Gardening has given a good illustration of the plant, here reproduced, and a Philadelphia correspondent of that journal says:

It is certainly the most novel flowering plant that has been introduced for many years. The plant has the appearance of being so distinct and useful as to take its place at once as a standard flowering subject among the long list we already have. All the acalyphas heretofore seen, so far as I know, are grown for the beauty of their foliage alone, but this variety's claim to popularity will rest on its tassellike, showy red flowers. The specimen exhibited in New York is 15 or 18 inches high, and the tassels which are produced from the axils of its ample leaves are in some cases over a foot in length, gracefully drooping all over the plant and making a beautiful object. It appears to be an ever bloomer, making it possible to have it in bloom at any time, and especially at Christmas and Easter.



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Subscribe for the NEWS.

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GOES AWAY PLEASED.

They can't help it for they know they have bought a bargain.

It's mid-winter now—It's a good while yet that you'll nead heavy clothing. Don't go thinly clad, when it costs so little to dress warm and comfortable.

Boys'. Youths' and Men's Clothing and Furnishings Selling Cheap.

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AVOID THE GRIP

Get into good physical condition. Then you can avoid grip—any contagion. Effects of grip are serious on those whose systems are filled with impurities due to poor digestion or irregular bowels. True's Elixir will put you in vigorous health, enable you to throw off the clutches of grip. The reason is if you

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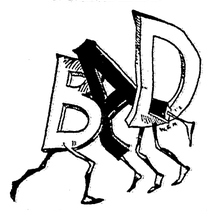
How to Make Cream Cheese.

Cream cheese may be easily made at home, providing you follow carefully the rules. Take four quarts of good thick milk, pour into it two quarts of boiling water. Turn into a bag and drain overnight. Next morning rub this cheese to a smooth pulp and press through a fine sieve. Add gradually a tablespoonful of melted butter or two tablespoonfuls of thick cream. Pack this into small cups and stand in a cool place for about two or three weeks. At the end of that time the top may be removed and the cheese turned from the cups for use.

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CLIMBING STAIRS.

How to Do It With the Least Expenditure of Strength.

A physician who declares that but very few people know how to walk up stairs properly gives these instructions, says Good Housekeeping: Usually a person will tread on the ball of his foot in taking each step. This is very tiresome and wearing on the muscles, as it throws the entire suspended weight of the body on the muscles of the legs and feet. You should in walking or climbing stairs seek for the most equal distribution of the body's weight possible.

In walking up stairs your feet should be placed squarely down on the step, heel and all, and then the work should be performed slowly and deliberately. In this way there is no strain upon any particular muscle, but each one is doing its duty in a natural manner. The man who goes up stairs with a spring you may be sure is no philosopher, or at least his reasoning has not been directed to that subject.

The doctor might have gone a little further in the same line and protested against the habit which many persons have of bending over half double when they ascend a flight of stairs. In exertion of this kind, when the heart is naturally excited to more rapid action, it is desirable that the lungs should have full play. But the crouching position interferes with their action, the blood is imperfectly aerated, and there is trouble right away. Give the lungs a chance to do their work everywhere and at all times.

How to Cook Quails.

Singe, draw and wash the quails, lard the breast and legs, run a small skewer through the legs and tail and bind them firmly round with thread. Baste the breasts with a small quantity of clarified butter and dust a little salt over and dredge them quickly with flour. Place the quails in a baking dish and bake them in a quick oven for 15 minutes. Put a layer of bread sauce on a hot dish. When cooked, unite the birds, place them on the dish with the bread sauce, sift plenty of fried bread crumbs over them, garnish with a little parsley and serve.

How to Sleep.

By all means sleep on your right side and avoid high pillows. Many bolsters, or pillows, are too high, and instead of the whole body being thoroughly refreshed after sleep the muscles of the chest, shoulders, neck and arms are cramped and have not been nourished properly during the time of repose, says Dr. J. O. Harolson in St. Louis Post-Dispatch. The natural carriage of the human body is erect. We do not go through the day with the chin hanging on the breast. Why should we assume that attitude at night? Some will say that they cannot sleep unless their heads are high. Some require two pillows. Habit has brought this condition about, and the easiest and most effective way to break a bad habit is to cease its execution. To these I would advise a gradual lowering of the head's elevation until a pillow has been secured that does not cause an unnatural straining or craning of the neck. Those who are anxious for an erect, natural carriage will sleep on a very low pillow or none at all. Sleeping on a flat bed will help to give straight, firmly poised shoulders.

How to Cure Rheumatism.

One new egg, well beaten; a half pint of vinegar, one ounce of spirits of turpentine and half an ounce of camphor. Beat all together well. Then shake ten minutes in a bottle and cork. It is ready for use in half an hour and can be used three or four times a day. If the pain is in the head, rub the ointment on the back of the neck and behind the ears. The head will soon stop aching.

How to Wear Rubbers.

Do not wear your rubbers indoors. People generally will agree with me that it is a bad habit. Many of them know from experience. In a warm room rubbers cause the feet to perspire and become tender. When they are removed and one steps outside, the cold air chills the feet, and the person at once commences to sneeze. In a few hours he has a well developed case of influenza, which may end in pneumonia. After wearing rubbers for any considerable length of time the feet should be washed in lukewarm salt water and dried before a hot fire.

How to Fry Cabbage.

Fry three slices of fat salt pork to a crisp. Take out the pork and in the fat put half a head of cabbage, chopped fine. Cover closely and cook for a few minutes. Take off the cover and fry to a light brown, stirring often to have the color uniform.

How to Make Pork Cake.

Here is a good recipe for pork cake: Five cupfuls of flour, two cupfuls of sugar, two cupfuls of molasses, one pound of fat salt pork, (chopped fine), one pound of citron, one pound of raisins, four eggs, three teaspoonfuls of baking powder, a little of all kinds of spices. This will make three or four loaves, according to the size of the tins.

How to Make Apple Cream.

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FRUIT AND FLOWERS

JUMPING ON BEN DAVIS.

This Apple Still on Top—A Sketch by a Southern Horticulturist.

To the much vexed question of the merits of the Ben Davis apple Dr. A. M. Ragland, the well known Texas horticulturist, has just contributed the following, through The Farm and Ranch:

Ben is fat and ruddy, plump and round, and looks saucy, and well he may. He seems to thrive on abuse. When a fellow who writes with a goose quill or with a pencil made sharp a purpose to stick folks can't find anybody else to say hard things about, he "jumps on Ben Davis." I never saw the like. As many as a dozen at a time are flinging bricks at Ben. He has to dodge sometimes, but he is hard to down.

Ben is a great traveler and visits all parts of the country in fall and winter. We have never been in a town in late fall or winter months that we didn't see Ben perched on the top of a barrel, ogling every pretty girl that passed along the street. Sometimes his cousin, Winesap, tries to draw the attention of the girls, but it's no go. They all say by their looks that Ben is their choice.

One time Ben was up in Missouri (the land of big red apples was his summer home). He strayed into a big horticultural convention to listen to what was going on. Up rose one venerable wise man and said: "Ben Davis is no good. I would not plant him. There are so many apples superior in quality." Ben told me he was surprised at the old gentleman's jumping on him before he'd been in the room an hour, especially as he had on his green coat and didn't suppose folks could tell who he was. Then up jumped a little professor, who parted his hair in the middle and wore a pair of gold rimmed specs, and said: "We have tested Ben Davis at our experiment station, and he's no good at all. We don't plant him any more." Another gentleman arose and calmly wiped his steel rimmed specs with a red bandanna handkerchief, and, putting them on, he looked around over the house, and then said: "Gentlemen, you are all jumping on Ben Davis as if he were an enemy of ours. Now, professor, you are handy with figures and know what's being done in appledom, will you kindly answer me a few questions?" The little professor turned round and looked the old gentleman in the face and said, "I shall, with pleasure, give a satisfactory response to your queries about anything you wish to know."

Ben told me that when he saw the old gentleman square himself he knew something was coming, and sure enough it was.

The old gentleman said, "Professor, will you tell us what apple is planted north and south, east and west, more than any other?"

The professor said: "Yes, sir. The apple you refer to is called the Ben Davis."

"Will you tell us what apple is grown most extensively for market?"

"Yes, sir; the Ben Davis."

"What per cent of apples that appear upon the market are Ben Davis?"

"More than 50 per cent, sir."

"Give us the name of the most attractive apple grown for market."

"The Ben Davis."

"Taken all in all, what apple is the best money maker?"

"Ben Davis."

"And now, professor, if you were going into growing apples for market and desired to make money at the business, what would you plant?"

"Well, I suppose I should be a fool, too, and plant the Ben Davis."

Branching Rubber Plants.

Many amateur growers suppose that the common rubber plant (Ficus elastica) becomes useless when from any cause the growing point of single stemmed specimens is injured.



A BRANCHING FICUS.

Gardening, however, gives the accompanying illustration to show that this is an error. All such injured plants may be cut back and made to branch out, forming bushy specimens like that here illustrated.

Bringing Fruit Trees Into Bearing.

Fruit trees of any kind frequently grow with great luxuriance. In this they are usually unfruitful. No tree commences to flower and fruit until its vegetative exuberance has been somewhat checked. Those who understand the art of fruit culture thoroughly can bring these wayward trees into a straighter line of duty by root pruning them. It is effected by digging a trench around the tree and then filling it up with the earth that has been thrown out. This cutting off the ends of the roots causes check to the extreme vigor, and the result is the production of flowers instead of branches. The distance from the trunk that the trench should be dug will, of course, depend upon the age and size of the tree, as also its ratio of luxuriance. The aim should be to dig so as to cut off about one-third of its roots. The pear, as well as other fruit trees, is particularly benefited by root pruning. In recommending this operation, as described, Meehan's Monthly says it can be carried out at any time during the fall or winter season.

Care of House Plants.

Among addresses before the Ontario Fruit Growers' association Mr. W. Gammage of London gave a practical one upon the "Care of Home Plants." As reported in American Gardening, he said that the living room, with its hot, dry atmosphere, was death to flowers. Where gas was burned the effect was the dropping of the blooms. Gas will not hurt palms so much, but they must have lots of light, air and water. In his opinion the injudicious use of commercial fertilizers was the cause of a great loss in house plants. Some people have an extraordinary idea that castor oil is beneficial to some plants. On the contrary, the practice is injurious and irrational. When nitrogenous fertilizers are needed, apply in growing season. Phosphates, which influence the coloring of plants, should be mixed in the soil before use.

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WINTERING BEES.

Protection Out of Doors Versus Placing Hives In the Cellar.

In the northern states no one now thinks of wintering bees out of doors without protection. Some beekeepers use double wall hives, the space between the walls being filled with chaff. Others are single wall hives, which are cheaper, and they are protected with chaff, sawdust, forest leaves or the like, this material being held in place by an outer case made for the purpose or by a packing box of some kind. Sometimes hives are protected by being placed in long rows, boards being put up at the front, back and ends, then the packing material is put in and a roof put over all. The packing ought to be three or four inches thick at the sides and five or six deep on top.

There is much talk of the damage done by moisture in outdoor wintering. The moisture does no harm so long as it is in the form of vapor, and it will remain in that form unless it comes in contact with some cool surface. Some make arrangements for this moisture to pass off above the brood nest, but this makes more or less of a draft through the hive. A better way is to have the hives so well protected that the cold air cannot strike the walls, then there will be no condensation. The place to give ventilation is at the bottom. Put a rim two inches high under each hive. Have an entrance in the upper edge of the rim. This will do away with all clogging of the entrance with dead bees, and no dead bees will become damp and mouldy from the moisture that escapes from the cluster.

Plenty of bees and an abundance of stores are needed in outdoor wintering, but it has the advantage that a warm day allows the bees an opportunity to fly. If it were not for this advantage, the wintering of bees out of doors in the north would not be very successful.

There is no way in which the wintering of bees in the north can be reduced to so exact a science as by wintering them in the cellar or special repository. The strength of the colonies and the amount and quality of the stores can be controlled, but in the open air there is no control of temperature. In the cellar the temperature can be kept nearly the same. In short, the condition can be made the same year after year. If we fail one year and learn why, the mistake need not be repeated. Another great advantage of cellar wintering is the saving of stores. At the very lowest estimate a saving of from six to ten pounds per colony is effected. With 200 colonies in the cellar this means a saving of $100.

The time to put bees in the cellar is just before the coming of hard, freezing weather. The idea is to leave them out as long as there is a fair prospect of their enjoying another flight, and yet get them in before the first snowstorm. When putting them in, manage to have the weakest colonies at the top of the piles of hives, as this part of the cellar is warmer than near the floor. Leave the bottom boards in the yard and put two inch pieces on the top of each hive, thus raising each one at least two inches from the one below.

The regulation temperature is 45 degrees, but temperature is not the only point to be considered. Moisture, strength of colonies, kind of hives, etc., all have a bearing. A moist cellar must be kept at a higher temperature than a dry one. The best guide is the behavior of the bees themselves. If they are restless and noisy, it is likely that the temperature is not right—that is, if the food is of the right quality, says W. Z. Hutchinson, with whom the foregoing advice originates in Prairie Farmer.

Asparagus Rust.

The effect of asparagus rust upon the plants is to exhaust their vitality, both by the destruction of the assimilating cells and much of the assimilated matter. Therefore investigators of this trouble seem to be arriving at the opinion that to cut the stalks off entirely in the middle of the growing season only makes worse a matter which is already bad enough. When Canada thistles are treated in this way, it is expected that it will kill the roots. It sometimes fails to do so, and this may be the case with asparagus. Nevertheless it is unnecessarily harsh treatment.

News and Notes.

The increase of exports of cotton from the United States to all countries except Russia and the Netherlands has been very large, in most of them the amount being more than double what it was ten years ago, but owing to the extremely low prices in 1897-8 the value of the total exports was $7,338,055 less than in 1889.

The growth of sentiment in favor of good roads is shown by the passage of progressive laws in New York, Pennsylvania and other states and by the appointment of a highway commission in Maryland, and also by the reports of increased sales of roadmaking machinery.

The department of agriculture has four scientific explorers abroad getting seeds and plants, one in Russia, one in the countries around the Mediterranean, one in the China seas and one in South America.

The demand upon the bureau of animal industry for blackleg vaccine has increased very much during the year. The results received from its use indicate that the percentage of loss in herds has been reduced from 10 to 20 per cent to less than 1 per cent.

According to a report of the division of accounts for the fiscal year ended June 30, the total paid out by the department of agriculture was $8,411,960.85, which includes supplementary payments for 1896 and 1897.

Ginseng occurs over much of the eastern United States, from Canada to Alabama, and is gathered over the whole of this territory, the bulk of it eventually going abroad from New York city. The exports for 1897 have been stated at 179,573 pounds, at an average value of $4.68 per pound.

How to Make a Fondue.

Mix a quarter of a pound of butter with three tablespoonfuls of flour. Add to it three gills of cream and stir it over the fire until thoroughly cooked and add sufficient grated parmesan cheese to flavor it. Break four eggs, separating the yolks from the whites, and add the yolks to the mixture. Whisk the whites very firm, put them on the mixture and bake in a moderately quick oven.

How to Make Oyster Potpie.

Scald a quart of oysters, free from bits of shell, in their own liquor. When it boils, skim out the oysters and set aside in a warm place. To the liquor add a pint of hot water, season with a large teaspoonful of salt, quarter teaspoonful of pepper and tablespoonful of butter. Thicken with a large tablespoonful of flour and three of milk. Have ready nice light biscuit dough, rolled twice as thick as pie crust. Cut in inch squares, drop into the boiling stew, cover closely, cook 40 minutes, take up, stir oysters into the stew and serve at once.

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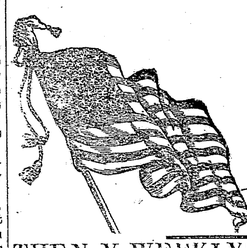
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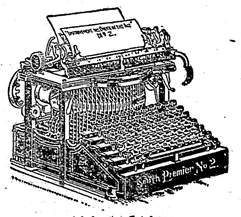
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